

enters the minds of men busy with the world's cares? What merchant handling his ledger, what mechanic using his tools, what sailor looking on the passing wave, pauses to think that the book and steel and wave will outlast the feeble arm that now converts them to its uses; and when the brain that directs them is dust, the book will lie unopened, the steel will be in other hands, the wave will roll steadily from shore to shore.

It is conceded that no mechanism of art or of nature equals the structure of our bodies. It is granted that no skill of man has approached it in the remotest degree; and that it is as far above the finest devices of genius as those delicate constructions are above the worthless stones in the street. Yet the work of man's hands will last a thousand years, and man will not outlast the first century. It would appear that no man, looking on the strength of ordinary brute matter, or on the imperishability of man's thoughts, could fail to ask himself if death is the end of all.—*N. Y. J. C.*

**AN INVALUABLE LESSON TO STUDENTS.**—What you do know, know thoroughly. There are few instances in modern times, of a rise equal to that of Sir Edward Sugden. After one of the Weymouth elections, I was shut up with him in a carriage for twenty-four hours. I ventured to ask him what was the secret of his success. His answer was, "I resolved, when beginning to read law, to make every thing I acquired perfectly my own, and never to go to a second thing till I had entirely accomplished the first. Many of my competitors read as much in a day as I read in a week, but at the end of twelve months, my knowledge was as fresh as on the day it was acquired, while theirs had glided away from their recollection."—*Memoirs of Sir T. F. Buxton.*

**ON LISTENING TO EVIL REPORTS.**—The longer I live, the more I feel the importance of adhering to the rule which I had laid down for myself in relation to such matters:—1. To hear as little as possible, whatever is to the prejudice of others. 2. To believe nothing of the kind till I am absolutely forced to it. 3. Never to drink into the spirit of one who circulates an evil report. 4. Always to moderate as far as I can, the unkindness which is expressed towards others. 5. Always to believe that if the other side was heard, a very different account would be given of the matter.—*Life of Simon.*

### THE FIELD OF THE WORLD.—BY MONTGOMERY.

Sow in the morn thy seed,  
At eve hold not thine hand;  
To doubt and fear give thou no heed,  
Broad cast it o'er the land.  
Beside all waters sow,  
The highway furrows stock,  
Drop it where thorns and thistles grow  
Scatter it on the rock.  
The good, the fruitful ground,  
Expect not here nor there;  
O'er hill and dale, by plats, 'tis found;  
Go forth, then, everywhere.  
Thou know'st not which may thrive;  
The late or early sown:

Grace keeps the precious germs alive;  
When and wherever strown,  
And duly shall appear,  
In verdure, beauty, strength,  
The tender blade, the stock, the ear,  
And the full corn at length.  
Thou canst not toil in vain;  
Cold, heat, and moist and dry  
Shall foster and mature the grain,  
For garner in the sky.  
Thence when the glorious end,  
The day of God is come,  
The angel reapers shall descend,  
And Heaven cry—"Harvest home!"